

REMARKS

The applicants note with appreciation the acknowledgement of the claim for priority under section 119 and the notice that all of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received.

The applicants acknowledge and appreciate receiving an initialed copy of the form PTO-1449 that was filed on December 2, 2003.

Claims 1 – 5 are pending. The applicants respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of this application in view of the above amendments and the following remarks.

The examiner objects to the specification for informalities. The phrases identified in the office action have been corrected, together with other similar phrases noticed in the specification.

Claims 1 – 5 were rejected under 35 USC 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. The applicants respectfully request that this rejection be withdrawn for the following reasons. The claims have been reviewed and amended to correct the wording identified in the office action. It is believed that the claims as amended are allowable.

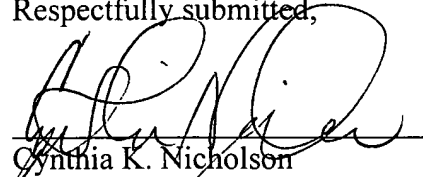
The examiner is thanked for indicating that claims 1 – 5 would be allowable if amended to overcome the rejection under 35 USC 112, second paragraph. Accordingly, it is believed that the claims are allowable.

Claims 6 – 7 have been added. Support for new claim 6 is located for example on page 18, lines 3 – 5. Support for new claim 7 is located for example on page 23, lines 9 – 13.

In view of the foregoing, the applicants respectfully submit that this application is in condition for allowance. A timely notice to that effect is respectfully requested. If questions relating to patentability remain, the examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone.

Please charge any unforeseen fees that may be due to Deposit Account No. 50-1147.

Respectfully submitted,

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